Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) released the following statement after her vote in support of the Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2010.

"President Obama's vision seriously addresses our nation's greatest challenges while preserving and promoting America's greatest strengths. It moves our nation towards energy independence, meaningful investment in education, and – most importantly – health care reform. When I first came to Congress, my constituents' No. 1 request was to fix our health care system, which costs twice as much, as a percentage of GDP, than other industrialized nations. Reforming this system is vital to ensuring American families have affordable access to quality health care, businesses can remain competitive in a global market, and our government can better manage tax dollars spent on health care, which represents the largest and fastest-growing portion of federal government expense."